# VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 4, 2010

## 1. Call to order 7pm

**2. Roll call** - Jason Sheridan, Jeanette Schultz, Mark Jorgensen, Sue Villanueva and Doug Kelsey. Also present were Kay Marsh, Shirley Harmon, Monte O'Dell, Bill Hadlock -Engineer, Tom Williams and Amy Jo Kinyon-reporter.

Absent were Garry Patrick and Abe French

## 3. Pledge to flag

## 4. Public Comment

Ryan Hickey-Community Center of Hope-from Grace Community Church came to explain their project "Second Saturday" where they different projects the second Saturday of the month. The group has about 60 volunteers and is offering to do free clean up help before Syrup Festival on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Council thanked him and advised him to be in contact with Monte.

## 5. Consent Agenda Items

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER ITEM 5, CONSENT AGENDA, ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL NOT BE SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- A. Minutes Regular mtg. 2-4-10
- B. Treasurer's report for February
- C. Bills for approval thru 3-4-10

Motion to approve the consent agenda items made by Jason Sheridan, seconded by Jeanette Schultz, all ayes; with the exception of Villanueva on the minutes (she was not present at that meeting).

## 6. Reports from Council Committees

Water/Sewer –mtg. 2-23-10 held meeting on the ready-to-serve fee being charged on water and sewer will hold another meeting soon.

Grants –Doug Kelsey asked the Engineer-Bill Hadlock to explain the "new" ICE Grant application. This one will do East Main from Maple to the "y". Curb and guttering plus sidewalk, Sue Villanueva asked about possible sidewalk on Allegan road, but told that would not qualify for this grant.

Ordinance – mtg. 2-9-10-Doug Kelsey reported that the committee is still working on the policies and procedures.

Street Drains and Sidewalks - nothing

Fire – minutes were included in the packets.

Buildings & Grounds—mtg. 2-9-10 – Jeanette Schultz started to give report that it would cost around 63,000.00 to move and set up the building from 122 Round Lake to the present office site and that the committee was advising the council to not accept. Mark Jorgensen moved to table this subject, seconded by Jason Sheridan.

Technology—Mark Jorgensen reported that the committee was looking to purchase 3 laptops, 1 for DPW and the other 2 for the office. Then Kay's computer wo uld be upgraded to the Clerk's old desk top. Committee is looking into prices right now.

## 7. DPW Report

Façade Grant payments – Monte has talked to Tonya Youngs at the state and the paperwork was not submitted correctly but has now been corrected and she has requested that the remainder of the money be released. We should receive soon.

The trees have been removed.

The sewer basket is in and is working fine.

The DEQ has approved the water specifications for the village.

The tractor is in and works well with the generator.

ICE Grant – Series 2010 is going along good and should be requesting for bids this month for approval at next months meeting.

## 8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Planning Commission ZBA member

# 9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

None

## 10. President-Clerk-Treasurer Report

Clerk reported that the auditors were in on 2-17-10 and that everything went well, the audit report is done and hopefully Ken Berthiaume will be at the next meeting to prese nt the audit report to council.

Kay Marsh pointed out on the Treasurer's report that the General account was overdrawn and that she would have to hold checks for payments until she cashed one of the 50,000.00 CDs which will mature on 3-12-10. She might have to cash both 50,000.00 CDs to tide us over until July when tax money starts coming in. Kay also cautioned the council that they need to slow down in the spending, she is very concerned, and that will leave only 9,000.00 in investments.

The bond money is in the accounts-Series 2010.

Discussion ensued on the new ICE Grant and Kay expressed that she thought that we shouldn't go ahead with the project.

Doug Kelsey stated that we will have to watch our pennies and that we would go ahead with the projects. Kay questioned if there should be a vote or not, no motion made.

## 11. Unfinished Business

None

## 12. New Business

Mail-read

Sue Villanueva requested a meeting be set for the Health & Safety committee -3-23-10 at 9:30am.

## 13. Public Comment

Jason Sheridan mentioned that he had picked up a paper with possible suggestions on how to handle the school's budget deficit; one possibility was to close Maplewood.

#### 14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Jorgensen, seconded by Sue Villanueva, all aves.

Time-8:13pm

Shirley Harmon Village Clerk

3/5/2010 11:58 AM